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The Presbytery of Cincinnati met at Crestview Church in West Chester, OH on January 10, 2004. Here is a *summary* of what we did.

Shared joys and concerns in prayer.

Elected Elder Barry Harrison (Sycamore) as Treasurer and a number of people to serve on presbytery entities. In addition to the list that is posted at www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org, we elected Elder Sarah Davis (Mt. Washington) and Elder Georgana Taggart (Knox) to the Nominating Committee.

Celebrated the ministry of Elder Gordon Dennis (Wyoming) upon the conclusion of 20+ years as presbytery Treasurer, Elder Jean Snyder (Mt. Auburn) upon the conclusion of 13 years as presbytery Administrative Coordinator, and the Rev. Santana Krishnan upon his Honorable Retirement.

Welcomed Donna Burckle (Immanuel) as the newly hired presbytery staff Bookkeeper.

Granted permission for Harrison First to apply for loan for upgrades and additions to its facilities.

Encouraged one another to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Distributed an accessibility survey for each congregation to complete.

Authorized the Blue Ribbon Panel to administer the 2004 summer camp and conference scholarships for children and youth. Applications are available at www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org

Participated *In Her Shoes*, an interactive learning experience concerning domestic violence.

Worshipped with the Rev. Alice Petersen (Interim Pastor, Crestview) preaching "Where Are You?" when God calls. The offering will go to hunger ministries designated by Cleves and Winchester.

Encouraged one another to direct questions about the Meet You At the Table campaign to a task force that will answer them at the March presbytery meeting. Deadline for submission: Tuesday, January 20th. Mail questions to Presbytery of Cincinnati, 1323 Myrtle Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45206, fax to 513-221-6601 or e-mail to mail@presbyteryofcincinnati.org

Approved changes in ministerial relationships

The Rev. Jan Gallagher from Stated Supply, Delhi First, to member at-large

The Rev. Santana Krishnan from Pastor, Third, to Honorably Retired

The Rev. Harris Schultz from Interim Pastor, Sycamore to Transylvania Presbytery

The Rev. Christine White from member at-large to Stated Supply, Norwood

The Rev. Mark Wright from Presbytery of Western North Carolina to Pastor, Kennedy Heights

The Rev. Jacqueline Blackstone removed from the presbytery's rolls

Commissioned Lay Pastors

Elder Barbara Jean Havens (Christ) to Cherry Fork Elder Ramey (Lakeside) to Elmwood-Carthage

Celebrated the history and ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Delhi as we concurred with its request to be dissolved as a congregation.

Appointed Session Moderators

The Rev. Terry Webster, Third
The Rev. Edwin Dykstra, Sycamore
Elder E. Norine Behm, CLP, Manchester First
Elder Margaret Doerzbacher, CLP, Cleves

Elder Matthew Long, CLP, Georgetown
Elder Charles Poston, CLP, Hopewell
Elder Dale Roush, CLP, Winchester
Elder Lewis Wittman, CLP, Wheat Ridge

Disapproved the relationship and work of the Rev. A. Stephen Van Kuiken with The Gathering.

Approved amendments to the *Book of Order* proposed by last year's General Assembly. If approved by a majority of the presbyteries, they would facilitate the implementation of biennial General Assemblies, allow more flexibility in synod structure, and increase the number of commissioners required to call a special meeting of the General Assembly.

Approved an overture to General Assembly for the transfer of Trinity Church in Fairfield from the Miami Presbytery to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Postponed until February 10th, the consideration of Administrative Commission 02-01's proposed overture to General Assembly concerning amending the *Book of Order* to include provisions for placing congregations on provisional status. Also postponed until that date, the consideration of the AC's recommendations concerning Mt. Auburn Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more details, contact the presbytery office, 513-221-4850, 1-888-221-4238 or mail@presbyteryofcincinnati.org

Feb 9: *Avoiding Anti-Judaism in Christian Preaching*. Led by Dr. Sarah J. Melcher. At Crestview.

Mar 5 & 6: *The New Order of Jesus: Towards a Domination-Free Society*. Featuring Walter and June Wink. At Indian Hill.

Mar 20 & 27: *Justice for Women Lenten Series*. At the presbytery office. Pre-register, call Dawn Hayes, 513-759-0396.

THIS CALL MAY BE FOR YOU (or someone you know)

The Presbytery's Nominating Committee is accepting applications for

- An elder to serve as alternate commissioner to this year's General Assembly and commissioner to GA in 2006.
- A person, aged 17 to 23 years as of July 24, 2004) to serve as a Youth Advisory Delegate to this year's General Assembly.
- An elder to serve as presbytery Vice Moderator from Sept 2004 to Sept 2005, Moderator in 2005-06, Council Chair in 2006-07.

Application forms available at www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org or from the presbytery office, 513-221-4850 or 1-888-221-4238.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

During December, the Presbytery Council took the following actions on behalf of the presbytery.

- Elected Elder Pam Brackbill (Venice) to the General Presbyter Search Committee.
- Confirmed the Moderator's appointment of Elder David McHenry (Heritage) to the administrative commission that is working with Pleasant Ridge.